

Office of the Attorney General State of Texas

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Mr. Allen P. Beinke, Jr. Executive Director Texas Water Commission P. O. Box 13087, Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711-3087

OR91-134

Dear Mr. Beinke:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, article 6252-17a, V.T.C.S. Your request was assigned ID# 10784.

You received an open records request for information submitted to your office by a third party. The third party objected to release of the information under sections 3(a)(1) and 3(a)(13) of the Open Records Act, whereupon you requested a decision from this office pursuant to section 7(c) of the Act. The third party has since withdrawn its claims of confidentiality as to the documents at issue. As your office has not raised any independent objections to disclosure of the requested information, and disclosure of the information apparently will not compromise any privacy or proprietary interests, it must be released. We note that you failed to send us a copy of the request letter, as we generally require. We ask that you send the requestor a copy of this letter, and that you send us copies of request letters in the future.

Because case law and prior published open records decisions resolve your request, we are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. If you have questions about this ruling, please refer to OR90-134.

Yours very truly

Faith Steinberg
Assistant Attorney General

Opinion Committee

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